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**Subject:** Two Supporters for Microsoft Settlement PLEASE!

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Thanks!

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to express our strong support of the settlement reached last November between the Justice Department and Microsoft. The settlement is long overdue. The case has lasted three years, thus far. Too much money and energy has already been expelled over this issue. The Justice Department should enact the settlement at its earliest ability.

In addition, the terms of this settlement are altogether fair. Microsoft has made many concessions to resolve this thing. Among the most important of these is Microsoft's agreement to the formation of a technical review board. The purpose of this board will be to ensure that Microsoft enacts the terms of the agreement. The board is composed only of members external to the Microsoft system to assure objectivity.

Microsoft agrees to this to show its dedication to the settlement. I would hope that the Justice Department would agree with these sentiments and enact the settlement with haste.

Sincerely,

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